

# The Southeast News

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## Rev. Dr. David M. Stowe To National Council Post

The Rev. Dr. David M. Stowe, former secretary for interpretation of the United Church Board for World Ministries, has been named executive secretary of the National Council of Churches' Division of Foreign Missions. His appointment was effective July 1.

In his new post Dr. Stowe will be chief administrator of an agency providing consultation and service facilities for the foreign missions boards of 30 Protestant denominations in the United States. He succeeds Dr. Luther A. Gotwald, Division of Foreign Missions executive secretary since 1952, who retired June 30.

Dr. Stowe returns to the United States to take up his new responsibilities from a special assignment in Beirut, Lebanon, where he has been teaching at the Near East School of Theology.

"Dr. Stowe's wide experience as a missionary in the field, together with the unusually high standards he has maintained as a teacher and administrator, make him a particularly appropriate choice to head the Division of Foreign Missions," said the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the Council, in announcing the appointment.

In 1945 Dr. Stowe became a missionary with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Serving in North China when the Communists seized power in 1948, he and his wife refused to leave, insisting they must stay in order to demonstrate their Christian faith. Although they had two young children, they stuck to their posts till 1950 when the outbreak of the Korean War forced their return to this country.

Dr. Stowe is a graduate of the University of California, 1940, and the Pacific School of Religion, 1943. He received his Th. D. in 1953 from the latter institution. After his return from China Dr. Stowe was chaplain and chairman of the religion department at Carleton College until called to serve as education secretary for the American Board in 1956.

## United Church Fourth General Synod Holds Timely Biennial Sessions At Denver, Colo.

The choice of New York City as the national headquarters for the United Church of Christ and the response Christians must make to the present racial crisis dominated the discussions of delegates and visitors to the Denver General Synod, both on the floor of the meeting and in the corridors behind the scenes.

The delegates to the General Synod voted support of a special program in race relations which will be conducted by a Committee for Racial Justice Now. The committee is composed of eleven non-national staff persons. Dr. S. Garry Oniki, race relations secretary of the Council for Christian Social Action, will be the executive coordinator for the program.

The Reverend Arnold Slater, minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was appointed to the committee by President Ben M. Herbster. Other members of the committee are: Rev. Nicholas Hood, chairman, Mrs. Alfred Bartholomew, Dr. Oliver K. Black, Mr. Ashby E. Bladen, Rev. Sterling Carey, Rev. Harold D. Long, Dr. Herman H. Long, Dr. A. William Loos, Dr. William C. Nelson, and Dr. Roger L. Shinn.

The Synod's resolution called on members of the United Church to "uproot intolerance, bigotry, and prejudice" within their own lives. It encouraged every local church to "declare officially and publicly that their fellowship is open to all without any restrictions as to race, class or ethnic background." Conferences and associations within the denomination were urged to integrate "with utmost dispatch."

Dr. Gerhard W. Grauer, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Chicago, was elected moderator of the General Synod. Mrs. Robert C. Johnson, member of First Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama, was elected an assistant moderator, along with Mr. Elmo E. Fischer of New Braunfels, Texas.

Several persons from the Southeast

Convention were elected to committees and boards of the denomination. The Rev. Arnold Slater was elected to membership on the Executive Council in the class of 1969.

Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr. of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, was elected to the class of 1967 on the Long Range Planning Committee.

W. Pressley Ingram, moderator of the convention and member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, was elected to the class of 1969 of the Council for Lay Life and Work.

Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, minister of the Congregational Christian Church in Evarts, Ky., was elected to the class of 1969 of the Board for World Ministries.

The Honorable Donald W. Webber of Maine, the moderator of the General Synod, presided over most of the sessions. Judge Webber will be recalled from his visit to the annual meeting of the convention in 1962. Judge Webber steered the delegates through many difficult times with rare skill and his usual humorous wit.

The selection of the location of the national headquarters stirred up considerable debate. In the end the delegates voted 419 to 171 in favor of placing the national headquarters in New York City.

The delegates also voted to focus the denomination's attention for the next two years on the problems of urbanization. While the primary emphasis will be on metropolitan centers in the United States, the emphasis will also be extended overseas through the United Church Board for World Ministries.

The delegates of the Southeast Convention to the General Synod were Mr. W. Pressley Ingram, Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, and Rev. J. Kermit Harris. Supt. Lightbourne was an associate delegate.

In addition to these the following were delegates to the General Council: Mrs. Harris, Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater, and Rev. George W. Stowe.

## Tarsus College Needs Help Finding Teachers

We are sure that all of you are on the mailing lists of many schools. Each letter asks for your help . . . for the Alumni Scholarship Fund . . . to honor dear old Professor John who gave so many years . . . to build up the Century Fund.

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Then please pass the folder on Tarsus College and this letter along to him. The rest is really for him.

Tarsus College is faced with an unusually large turnover in staff next year. There are openings for teachers of English. Experience or training in teaching English as a foreign language is desirable but not essential. There are openings for teachers of mathematics all the way from 6th grade arithmetic to calculus at senior high school level. Science and physical education are open fields. (Does it sound like an entire new staff . . . well, not quite. There will still be enough of us "old-timers" here to show the ropes to the newcomers).

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## Dr. Herman H. Long Is New Talladega President

Dr. Herman H. Long, 51, Nashville, Tennessee, has been named president of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. He is a Talladega alumnus.

An authority in the field of racial and cultural relations, Dr. Long is director of the Race Relations Department of the Board of Homeland Ministries, United Church of Christ, with offices at Fisk University, Nashville.

He is the author of a number of important books on racial problems, among them "People vs. Property", a study which served as the basis of the 1949 U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing enforcement of racially restrictive covenants (agreements).

Announcement of the appointment was made recently by Dr. Donald Cottrell, Columbus, Ohio, dean of the Graduate School of Education, Ohio State University, and chairman of the Talladega College board of trustees.

Dr. Long, who takes office January 1, 1964, succeeds Dr. Arthur D. Gray, president of Talladega since 1955 who has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Park Manor United Church in Chicago.

Talladega, nonsectarian and interracial in both faculty and student body, was founded in 1867 by the American Missionary Association. According to Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss, secretary of the Higher Education and American Missionary Association Division of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, Talladega, was the first college opened to Negroes in the state of Alabama. Co-educational, the college has an enrollment of well over 400 students.

Talladega, which began as a primary school, was incorporated in 1869 and had its charter confirmed and enlarged in 1889, but did not achieve college status for many years. As late as 1920 there were only 10 students of college rank.

Today the college is accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and grants Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Long attended grade schools in Chicago, Illinois, and then Talladega College, from which he graduated in 1935. A year later he received his Master's degree from the Hartford School of Religious Education in Hartford, Conn. He received his Ph. D. in psychology from

## Overseas Missions Now On Cooperative Basis

The day of "exclusive" foreign missionary work by Christian churches is done, the Rev. Dr. Alford Carleton, who is executive vice-president of the United Church Board for World Ministries and a member of the Central Committee and the Executive Council of the World Council of Churches, told the biennial meeting of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

He reported that 68 per cent of his Board's budget for missionary projects is spent through the World Council and the National Council of Churches on an interdenominational basis. Other projects are carried on with one or more other denominations.

"Nearly everything we do is done cooperatively," Dr. Carleton said. "Very little is our exclusive province."

The Board for World Ministries has some 530 missionaries, service workers, and internes in 25 countries around the world, he reported.

"The United Church is part of a world-wide Christian fellowship," Dr. Carleton emphasized.

"When we use the pronoun 'we', it means we the Christians throughout the world who are in the work of missions together."

The new trend toward partnership in foreign missions was also emphasized by the Rev. Dr. William C. Nelson, Akron, Ohio, president of the World Ministries Board.

"The partnership into which we are moving with other denominations and with the younger Christian churches of Asia and Africa is one of the most exciting and fruitful we have ever known," Dr. Nelson told the Synod.

"Development of a partnership of men of all creeds and colors is our only salvation in the nuclear age," Dr. Nelson said.

"The missionaries sent overseas by the United Church of Christ work with some 16,000 nationals in 1,200 schools and colleges, 80 hospitals and clinics, 35 social service centers, and 3,000 churches," Dr. Nelson explained.

He emphasized the need for teachers, doctors, nurses, trained agriculturalists, and social workers to serve in mission projects abroad.

the University of Michigan in 1949.

Dr. Long is married to the former Henrietta Shivery of Atlanta. They have one daughter, Ellen, 17, a student.

## Facts And Figures About United Church

Do you know:

That the United Church of Christ will be two years old on July 4 of this year?

That it now has well over two million members.

That in 1962, the first full year of its operation, contributions for its mission beyond the local churches increased 8½% over the total given by the two denominations in 1961.

That this was the largest percentage of increase in giving for others reported by a major Protestant body?

That in 1962 we gave for others almost eleven million dollars, and that this was nearly \$851,000 more than the total received from both merging bodies the year before?

That this eleven million dollars does not include more than two million dollars retained by State Conferences to defray their own program and missionary work?

That in 1962, 485 Congregational Christian Churches that had not voted to join the new church voted to do so?

That now 4,150 congregations in our Congregational Christian fellowship, out of a total of 5,548 congregations have voted to become a part of this new denomination?

That this new body, the United Church of Christ, is the most far-reaching experiment in church union in our generation, because it brings together for the first time in American Protestantism two major groups that previously operated under very different types of church government?

That the Board for World Ministries, our church organization to serve those in the world beyond our national borders, employs 551 people in four areas of Africa, five countries in the Middle East, four countries in Europe, Thailand and Ceylon, six Latin American nations, plus Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Okinawa, Formosa, the Philippines and Micronesia?

That missions in those areas of the world are theological, evangelical, medical and educational, representing churches, schools, colleges, graduate schools, and hospitals?

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THE SOUTHEAST NEWS

## Twelve-Year-Old Miss Merry Lynn Moss Is Organist For Poplar Arbor Church

The call to worship sounding forth from a mighty organ is always significant and meaningful. But when the melodious tones of the large Estey Reed organ are heard each Sunday at Poplar Arbor Congregational Church (Doerun, Georgia) it is significant indeed. Seated at the console of the two-manual, full pedal keyboard organ is Merry Lynn Moss, as unlike the prototype of a church organist as possible. For the past year this twelve-year-old has served as church organist.

Possessing a talent for music, Merry Lynn began the study of organ at ten years of age with no previous training in piano. Perhaps her ability is inherited. Her grandfather was one of America's most famous band directors, Dr. Albert Austin Harding, Director of Bands at the University of Illinois for many years. Dr. Harding, close friend of John Philip Sousa, was the first band director in the United States ever to achieve the status of dean of a school. Merry Lynn's mother, formerly Jane Austin Harding, dress designer and airline stewardess, has also contributed to her musical background, having studied both violin and piano.

On the paternal side the youthful organist receives encouragement from her famous father, Robert Charles (Moose) Moss, one-time fabled "Flying Tiger". One of General Chenault's original Flying Tigers, Moose flew the "Hump" from China to India for four years. In pre-Tiger days Moose took up violin (or fiddle) and, playing by "ear", participated in musical groups at country gatherings around Poplar Arbor. Today he is a staunch supporter of his daughter's musical training. She also receives much encouragement from an aunt and uncle, Mrs. Emilu Barnwell and Scott Morris Jr., both professional musicians.

Though organ demands much time, Merry Lynn by no means limits herself to that endeavor. In school she is always on the honor roll, an "A" student. This year she played basketball. She is an enthusiastic, award-winning member of the Moultrie Swim Club. She takes ballet and acrobatic dancing and is on the gymnastic team at the local Y. This year she enrolled in a social dancing class for the younger set. Yet she finds time for horseback riding, attending ball games, especially those in which her two brothers, Steve and Ricky, are playing, Sunday School socials, and



MISS MERRY LYNN MOSS

just regular youth-time fun. She is a close companion of her younger sister, Peggy, who also participates in the same heavy schedule, including organ. A girl of unusual beauty and personality, Merry Lynn captivated hearts at an early age. At four years of age she was named "Little Miss Moultrie" in an annual contest.

The organ at Poplar Arbor is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Morris Jr., dedicated to the memory of Bessie Lee Moss. The sweet sounds of the organ at the touch of Merry Lynn, who bears a striking resemblance to the memorialized Bessie Moss, fuse the past and present, refreshing sweet memories, and inspiring hearts.

Merry Lynn serves because she is needed. Presently there is no one else to serve in this capacity. She knows that she has much to learn, and she is learning. The music is often revised to be within the range of her studies. But her accomplishment is unusual and when the resonant tones fill the little church every heart is glad because vivacious Merry Lynn is giving the call to worship.

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### Superintendent's Corner

Race relations is the most pressing domestic problem faced by the citizens of the United States. It is the problem where the influence of the church people of the nation is most needed.

Race relations is not just a political and social question. It involves human beings and basic justice. It is a moral question.

It is a part of the task of church people to see that the moral nature of this problem is recognized. Church people must apply the fundamental principles of Christian conduct to the racial situation.

Because of the background of this problem it is inevitable that honest differences of opinion will develop concerning both goals and the means employed to achieve them. This factor must be recognized, but should not lead us to evade our responsibility.

The recent meeting of the General Synod gave consideration to the matter of racial justice. A statement was adopted and a program initiated. There will be honest differences among us about the wisdom and rightness of both the statement and the program.

However we may feel about the actions of the General Synod, the fact still remains that we must make our witness as church people in our own communities and in our church life.

The problem of racial justice must be faced. It will not go away. The old patterns are no longer acceptable to the Negroes. New solutions, based on sound moral and democratic principles, must be found and applied.

The witness of our churches and our church people is desperately needed. We must, as Christians, respond in good will and on the basis of honest conviction.

## Supt.'s Family Takes West Coast Trip

It is a long way from Atlanta, Georgia to the west coast and back. While we did not use the most direct routes, we covered over 8,000 miles on our recent trip.

We discovered what many others have learned. This is a big country. Not only is it big, but it also has great variety. The scenery is almost beyond belief. There is so much to see and do one can only guess as to the time needed to do justice to all there is to experience. It undoubtedly would be measured in years.

We discovered something else that others have learned. People of many races and ethnic backgrounds live in the United States. They are of many colors and shapes and sizes. They all seem to have two characteristics in common. People everywhere are basically friendly and helpful.

Our trip began on June 9. The first few days were spent covering the distance to our first major stop — the Carlsbad Caverns. However, when we went through Ft. Worth, Texas, we called Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Baldwin and Kathy. They send greetings to all their friends in the Southeast Convention.

Perhaps you know that every night around seven o'clock millions of bats fly out of the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. It is a sight to behold. We arrived in time to watch the flight, camped for the night at a nearby campground, and took the four-hour hike through the magnificent caverns with the first tour at seven the next morning.

El Paso was the next stop, primarily so that we could cross the bridge over into Mexico and visit the big native market in Juarez. From El Paso we headed for the Petrified Forest National Park, camping for the night high up in the Alpine Pass between New Mexico and Arizona.

The hard, glistening logs of the petrified forest are of beauty and interest. From here it is not far to the Painted Desert, which presents a variety of colorful panoramas depending upon the location and brightness of the sun.

It was Saturday night when we reached the Grand Canyon. A lot of campers were there before us, but we managed to find a spot in the picnic grounds. The next morning we watched the sun rise from the outdoor chapel on the rim of the canyon. We still don't quite believe the Grand Canyon really exists.

From there our route took us to the

Lake Meade Recreational Area near Hoover Dam, where we camped for the night and drove into Las Vegas for dinner and to look around. (No, we didn't lose all of our money there!)

The next day the Mojave Desert was before us. It is hot and dry, but the road is good. However, here we encountered our only car trouble of the trip. At Barstow, California, we discovered the rear wheel bearings were burned out. Fortunately, there was a good garage there and the local Congregational minister, Rev. R. O. Moore Jr., helped us establish credit just in case it was needed. However, the bill wasn't too bad and we enjoyed the night in a good motel.

Then on to Los Angeles we went. There we visited Hollywood, Disneyland, and the Knott Berry Farm, along with other places of interest. Disneyland is wonderful for young and old.

Yosemite National Park was the next major stop. The valley with its towering walls and striking falls is unbelievably beautiful. Once again we encountered many campers, but were able to find a choice site with a view of the falls.

At San Francisco we visited Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, and took the boat trip around the harbor. This is a lovely city. It also has frighteningly steep hills! It is no place for poor brakes.

From San Francisco we turned east, crossed the mountains and, after camping on the high desert one night, drove across the Great Salt Lake desert into Salt Lake City. Of course we floated in the Great Salt Lake. It is hard to sink there.

We had heard so many tales about the bears bothering campers in Yellowstone National Park that we decided to camp at Jackson Hole in the Grand Teton National Park. The mountains there are rugged and tremendous. It can be cold even in the summer. One morning we woke to the sound of the howling wind and the sight of snow flurries!

The Old Faithful Geyser spouted four times during our visit to Yellowstone. The springs and geysers are hard to believe. After a long weekend at the Teton and Yellowstone it was time to head for Denver and the General Council and Synod.

Denver is an interesting and beautiful city. The stay there was fine. Then it was time to come home. We made it safe and sound. It is good to be home.

## People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

### United Church, LaGrange, Dedicates New Windows

Recently the United Congregational Christian Church of LaGrange, Georgia, held a "Dedication Service" for the new cathedral glass windows. The Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr. delivered the sermon at this service. The installation of the cathedral glass windows was a project of the "Women's Fellowship" of United Church. The windows are very beautiful and add much to the appearance of the church.

May 5th was "Homecoming Day" at United Church. Everyone brought lunch and enjoyed the food and fellowship. There are renewed friendships and lots of faces that had not been seen in a long time, some of whom had moved away from LaGrange. Several former pastors were there for Homecoming, among whom were Rev. and Mrs. W. Raymond Berry and children, Bonnie and Nicholas, of Huntsville, Ala., and Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Weaver of Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. and Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar of Newport News, Va. Rev. Dollar was also the speaker for our revival services the following week.

Four graduates from our church were honored recently — Marilyn Abbott, Vivian Dail, Butch Hanson, Jimmy Latimer. Each was given a Bible. We wish them the best of everything.

Mrs. Ernest Lipham  
Church Reporter

### Memorial Bible Presented West Point Bethel Church

April 14, 1963, Easter Sunday, was a big day for Bethel Congregational Christian Church at West Point, Ga. A new fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms were dedicated. A pulpit Bible was presented to the church by Mrs. Winford Walters and her daughters, Martha Elizabeth and Kathleen, in loving memory of their husband and father, Rev. Winford Lee Walters, who served Bethel Church from 1956 to 1961.

On April 30, 1963, Mrs. Jenny Jones deeded to Bethel Church, in memory of her husband, Jack Jones, land to be used as the site for a future parsonage.

Mrs. Vera Luke, Reporter

### Mrs. Calvin A. Schmid, Interim Pastor's Wife

Mrs. Barbara Flessner Schmid, wife of the Reverend Calvin A. Schmid, died on July 17, 1963, following an illness of eight weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Schmid were making their home in Cullman, Alabama, where Mr. Schmid was serving as interim pastor of the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Mrs. Schmid was a graduate of Iowa State Teacher's College and taught in the Iowa school system for seven years. On August 7, 1917, she and Mr. Schmid were married.

When they retired from many fruitful years in the parish ministry in 1961 they moved to their retirement home in Buchanan, Michigan. In October of 1962 they came to Cullman.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Schmid is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Grigor Gordan of Buchanan, Michigan; a son, the Rev. Calvin F. Schmid, who is a military chaplain; five grandchildren; two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services for Mrs. Schmid were conducted from St. John's Church, Cullman, Alabama, by the Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Hartselle, Alabama. Burial services were conducted by the Rev. Richard J. Fraser of Niles, Michigan, a former pastor of St. John's Church, at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Buchanan, Michigan.

### Among The Women

#### Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr.

Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr. of Atlanta, has agreed to serve as acting president of the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention.

Elected vice-president at the annual meeting of the fellowship at Huntsville, Mrs. Askren will serve in the place of Mrs. Noel Allen, who was forced to resign as president because of ill health.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, Mrs. Askren has just been elected to the Long Range Planning Committee of the United Church.

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#### Ga.-S. C. Women's Fellowship

At the recent retreat of the Georgia-South Carolina Women's Fellowship the following officers were elected:

Pres.: Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Atlanta  
V.-Pres.: Miss Louise Carpenter, Columbus

Secy.: Mrs. Emmett Bailey, LaGrange  
Treas.: Miss Frances Exum, Hamton

### Ministerial Changes

#### Rev. Charles W. Bell

Rev. Charles W. Bell, pastor of Bethlehem CC Church, Altamahaw, N. C., has accepted the call to return to his former parish, Lowell CC Church in Roanoke, Alabama.

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#### Rev. William H. Shelton

Rev. William H. Shelton, formerly pastor of the Lowell CC Church, has accepted the call to a CC church in Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Shelton plans to continue his theological studies at the Hartford Theological Seminary in Connecticut.

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#### Rev. Bill J. Traylor

Rev. Bill J. Traylor has accepted the call to become pastor of the Congregational Christian Church of East Tallassee, Alabama. He will begin his new duties after August 23. Mr. Traylor is a graduate of Southern Union College and formerly served parishes in the East Alabama Association before moving to his present churches in North Carolina.

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#### Rev. William R. Winterbotto

Rev. William R. Winterbotto of North Miami Beach, Florida, has been called to serve the Crossville, Tenn., Congregational Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Winterbotto will move to Crossville the middle of August. Mr. Winterbotto formerly was minister of youth at the Church-By-The-Sea, Bal Harbour, Fla.

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#### Rev. Jimmy J. Norred

The Rev. Jimmy J. Norred has resigned as pastor at Antioch and Forest Home Churches, Roanoke, Alabama, to serve as minister of the CC Church in Ramseur, N. C., and to continue his theological education at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

### N-O-T-I-C-E!

Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, has a pulpit and a lectern it will contribute to any church of the convention desiring them. It also has three or four pews. Any church interested should contact the convention office.

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## Rev. H. Y. Sears Ordained To Christian Ministry

The Rev. Herman Yancey Sears was ordained to the Christian Ministry at a service of ordination held at the Union Hill Congregational Christian Church, Pearson, Georgia, on Sunday afternoon, July 28.

A Licentiate of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference until his ordination, Mr. Sears has served the Union Hill Church as assistant pastor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sears are active in the affairs of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference and the Southeast Convention, as well as in their local church.

The Rev. Robert Hendrix, pastor of the host church, presided over the service.

Participants included Mrs. Robert Hendrix, Rev. Ralph Worley, Williams Chapel, Waycross, Rev. Otto Culpepper, Enigma, Rev. Lowell Smoot, Sanford, N. C. Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. delivered the ordination sermon.

Through the years Mr. Sears has taken and completed the special courses offered through the annual minister's convocation at Southern Union College.

## Dr. W. T. Scott Joins Elon College Staff

Dr. William T. Scott Sr. of Chuckatuck, Va., who was formerly superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, has been named as Director of Church Relations for Elon College. He will assume his new duties on or about September 1.

Their return to Elon College will be a "homecoming" for the Scotts, for they lived in the college community during the 14 years he was superintendent of the convention.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Scott, along with their three children, are alumni of Elon College. At present Mrs. Scott is president of the Elon College Alumni Association, the first woman to hold this position.

Dr. Scott at one time served as superintendent in this area for the Board of Home Missions.

## Soddy Church Observes Its 100th Anniversary

The Congregational Christian Church of Soddy, Tennessee, celebrated its 100th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, August 3 and 4, 1963.

The church was originally organized by a group of Welsh people living in Soddy who began by having services of worship in their homes. Served by "lay ministers" at first, the church eventually called the Rev. Thomas as its first ordained minister.

For many years the services were conducted in Welsh. Later two services were held — one in Welsh and one in English. Of course in recent years the services have been in English.

The Centennial Celebration began with special observances on Saturday night, August 3. Mr. Walter T. Wood Jr. presided.

The Rev. Daniel Welch, retired Unitarian minister of Fountain City, Tenn., and a grandson of the Rev. Thomas, delivered the prayer. Mr. Welch's daughter, Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, pastor of the Evarts, Ky., Congregational Christian Church and former moderator of the Southeast Convention, presented the devotional message.

Mr. W. Pressley Ingram, moderator of the Southeast Convention, brought greetings from the churches of the convention.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. preached the sermon at the Sunday morning service of worship.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. Arnold Slater of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, presided. Mr. A. R. Jones of Knoxville, Tenn., vice-chairman of the Board of Directors of the TVA, presented an interesting sketch of the history of Wales. Mr. Walter George Wood delivered a brief history of the Soddy Church.

Music played a prominent part in the celebration, just as it does for the Welsh people. The congregation was led in singing by Mr. Llewellyn Jones and by Mr. John R. Jones, former president of the National Cymanfa Gauni.

At the close of the Sunday afternoon session all of the Welsh folk joined in singing the Welsh Anthem — some in Welsh and some in English.

## Fall Association And Conference Meetings

The Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, secretary of the Southern Region for the Stewardship Council of the United Church, will be the guest speaker on Our Christian World Mission for the annual fall meetings of the associations and conferences.

According to the latest information available in the convention office the following is the schedule of the fall meetings.

**S. Ala.-N. W. Fla. Association**  
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6  
Good Hope Church, Baker, Fla.  
Rev. E. H. Henby, Moderator  
Begins at 2 p. m. on Saturday

**Central Alabama Association**  
Monday, October 7, at 3:30 p. m.  
Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee  
Rev. Andrew Nelson, Moderator

**North Alabama Association**  
Tuesday, October 8, at 10:00 a. m.  
Robertson's Chapel, Arley, Ala.  
Rev. Roger Whitley, Moderator

**Kentucky-Tennessee Conference**  
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13  
Nashville, Tenn., 1:30 p. m.  
G. E. Farmer, Moderator

**East Alabama Association**  
Wednesday, October 16, 10 a. m., CST  
Noonday Church, Wedowee  
Thursday, Oct. 17, 10 a. m., EST  
Langdale CC Church  
Rev. George W. Stowe, Moderator

**Ga.-S. C. Conference**  
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19  
United Church, LaGrange, Ga.  
Sessions begin 2 p. m. on Friday  
Rev. Charles V. Rary, Moderator

The churches of the association and conferences are urged to be represented at their respective meetings by their pastors and by elected lay delegates.

The churches are also reminded that their per capita dues should be paid before the meetings of the associations and conferences. The dues should be sent to the treasurer of the association or conference.